



Weekly Information & Communication



## Weekly WIC Newsletter

February 20, 2017

### SIS is Currently Down

The Search and Inquiry System (SIS) for verifying adjunctive eligibility is down, please document this in participant's charts, and issue one month of benefits. Please check back on Tuesday for restored access to SIS.

### Harvest of the Month

A collaboration between the Office of Public Instruction, Montana Team Nutrition Program, the National Center for Appropriate Technology, Montana State University Extension, Gallatin Valley Farm to School, and FoodCorps Montana developed the Harvest of the Month program and materials. The materials are primarily directed toward school age children activities, but you may find some interesting items that WIC programs can use. There are 11 [posters](#) that can be purchased (1.25 ea.) of which 8 are related to fruits and vegetables. Kid friendly cookbooks are mentioned by name in a few of the resource items. Information is available on their [website](#).

### March Nutrition Education Training

March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 AM, will be the next nutrition training. This month's topic will cover SOAP notes and documentation requirements. This will be a [WebEx training](#) and will be recorded. Please use the "call me" option in WebEx for audio. If you have questions please contact [Lacy](#).

### WIC Testimonials

The state staff would like to hear what our WIC participants have to say about their experiences! We would love for Local Agency staff to submit stories/quotes relating to WIC. This could be as simple as jotting down personal conversation and experiences, to having a whiteboard/billboard on display in clinic for the participants to write on. Our goal is to find out what our participants "Love about WIC." Please reach out to Alex @ 444-4746 or [along@mt.gov](mailto:along@mt.gov) for any submissions and/or questions. Thanks!

## Price Surveys

The state office distributed price surveys to all Montana WIC retailers on January 25, 2017. It is encouraged that LARCs follow up with stores and ensure that the surveys are completed and sent to the state by **no later than February 24, 2017**. If replacements are needed, both a printable and fillable version is available under the “retailers” section of our webpage located at: Retailers>2017 Price Survey Materials. Contact [Alex](#) @ 406-444-4746 for any further questions/concerns.

## Wal-Mart System Update

The WIC state office has received multiple calls from agencies around the state regarding issues with the Wal-Mart Point of Sale Systems not recognizing WIC approved items. The system will reject the item and store management has to intervene with an “override” every time this happens, in order for the transaction to go through. It has caused frustration amongst our participants, Wal-Mart staff, and our local agencies.

We are currently working with the corporate Wal-Mart office to resolve the issue. In the meantime, if your clinic receives notification of a similar event, please remind the Wal-Mart staff that they are not allowed to deny service to a WIC participant at any time for any reason (i.e., system error). The state office vendor team is prepared to take calls regarding this issue—do not hesitate to refer them to the following contacts:

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## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 111](#). Overweight (Women) is defined as follows:

Category	Cut-off Value
Pregnant Women	Prepregnancy Body Mass Index (BMI) $\geq 25$
Non-Breastfeeding Women	Prepregnancy Body Mass Index (BMI) $\geq 25$
Breastfeeding Women less than 6 Months Postpartum	Prepregnancy Body Mass Index (BMI) $\geq 25$
Breastfeeding Women 6 months Postpartum or more	Current BMI $\geq 25$

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